

NEWS

The Happy Dog Paw opens downtown

Grooming, healthy food and toys? A Grayling downtown storefront has gone to the dogs.

The Happy Dog Paw opened for business at 208 E. Michigan Ave. next to Flowers by Josie/Thanks A Latte, on Dec. 6. Jennifer Darrell Sauter leased the building from Jeff Emmons, who operated the Grayling Pharmacy there before taking a job at Walgreens.

Jennifer is a dog trainer/groomer who operated an on-line store selling dog supplies in recent years.

"We've always wanted to have a store so we just decided to go for it," Jennifer said. Pg. 7

SPORTS

Vikings dominate Bucks 80-42 in opener



The Grayling Vikings opened their 2010-2011 varsity boys basketball season with an 80-42 victory vs. the visiting Roscommon Bucks last Tuesday.

The Vikings didn't get off to a fast start - Roscommon had a 7-3 lead 3:20 into the contest - but they outscored the Bucks 47-14 in the last 12:40 of the first half to lead by 32 at half-time.

The Vikings were able to score from all over - inside, midrange, and the perimeter (four three-pointers in the first half) - and five different players finished with double-digit points. Pg. 8

Grayling wins JV game 57-50 vs. Benzie Central



In a junior varsity boys basketball contest that was close all the way through - the biggest lead for either squad on Friday night was Grayling's 11-point advantage late in the fourth period - but the Vikings ultimately edged the visiting Benzie Central Huskies 57-50 in a game that featured several lead changes.

The Vikings trailed by as many as nine, but a second half rally late in the third period got GHS back into the contest. Pg. 11

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Cruising for cookies at annual holiday event

The St. Mary's Women's Club held their annual cookie walk in the St. Mary Church's Family Center on Saturday. Area residents had a huge selection of cookies, which they placed in holiday decorated tins, at the successful event which raised \$1,150. Proceeds from the cookie walk go toward paying for furnishing and decorations in the church. Above, Jim Failing looks over an assortment of cookies.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Exchange student rep is top notch

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A Grayling woman who has placed over a dozen foreign exchange students in schools to study with local youth was recently recognized for being at the top of her field.

Laura Schans was recognized as the U.S. Area Representative of the Year for the Cultural Academic Student Exchange (CASE) Program during a trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina in November.

Schans was hired to serve as CASE area representative in April 2009. Her first student, Andy Divella from Ecuador, was placed in the home of Michele and Jeff Steffey and family.

But Schans' involvement with foreign exchange students goes much farther back. For 18 years, the Schans family lived next to Mike Shearer, who has hosted 29 foreign exchange students in his home.

"I met many, many wonderful young people from living next to Mike," Schans said. "It's really enjoyable working with the young teens and finding out that even though they are from across the big pond - which ever one that is - all the parents are the same and the teens are the same."

Schans recruited 14 students for the 2010-11 school year. Most of students are attending Grayling High School, while another student is enrolled at the Gaylord High School.

School districts receive funding to host the students and families are asked to provide a warm, loving environment to the students and apply the same rules and curfews their children must adhere to following. In return, the families learn each other's customs and cultures.

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LOGGING SLED READY TO RETURN TO CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

While youngsters are readying their sleds, sleighs and toboggans for the winter season, a sled used during Grayling's turn of the century lumbering boom will be back on display after Old Man Winter is finishing walloping the area.

Earlier this year, the refurbishing of an 1800's era logging sled found submerged in the sand in Lake Margrethe 22 years ago was completed.

Back in 1988, Police officers Tim Coe and Bob Butzin were engaged in a dive team practice exercise when they found the logging sled. The sleds were used to transport logs across the ice to a train located on the other side of the lake.

Coe cleared about a square foot of sand away from the submerged object and confirmed it was a sled by feeling the runners underneath. He marked the area with a submerged buoy, recorded coordinates of the location since there were no GPS units at the time and drew a sketch of the sled.

"It was the most exciting thing I have ever found on a dive since it was something that was so historical and in such good shape," Coe said.

Over the course of several dives, the officers and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department's Dive Team was able to uncover the sled. With permission from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the sled was removed from the

waters of Lake Margrethe using special equipment to bring it to the surface and to shore.

"It was kind of a coordinated effort on the part of a lot of people," Coe said.

Because the sled was found in a part of the lake under State of Michigan ownership, it went to the Hartwick Pines State Park for display.

The sled was later donated to the Crawford County Historical Museum in 1999.

A double whammy of time and weather did its damage to the wooden sled to where it became a safety hazard in the museum courtyard.

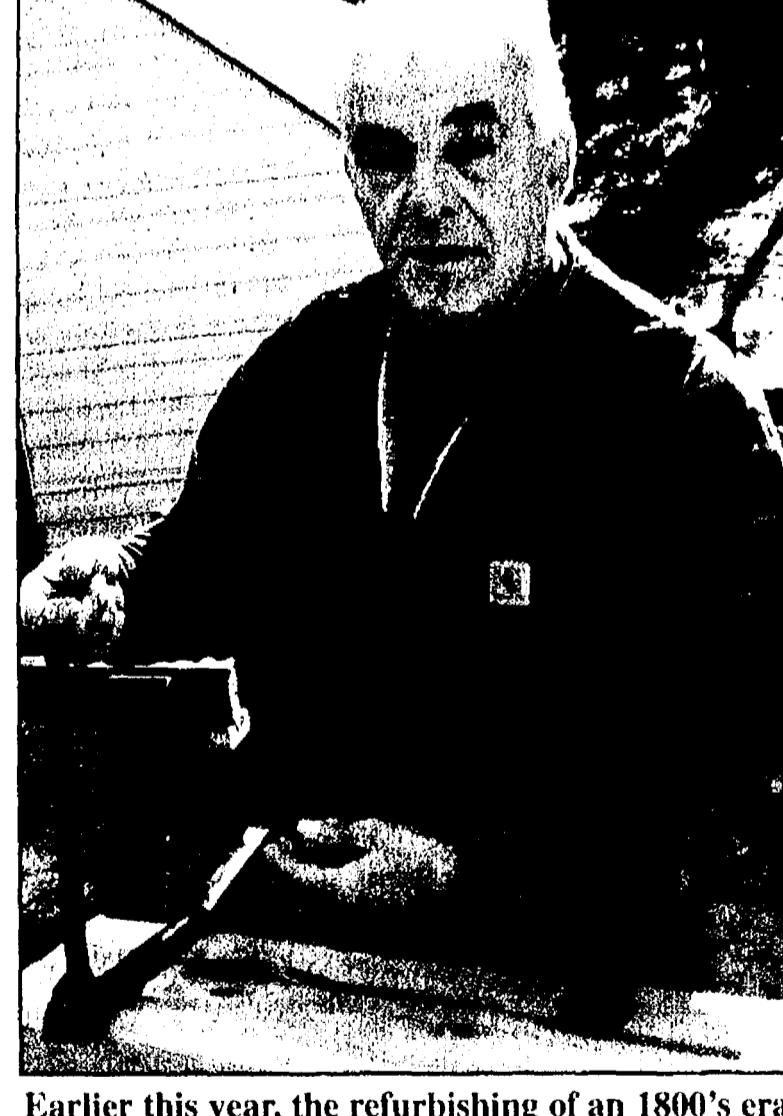
Rich Silova, Bret Black, Allen Dickie, Mike Arwood, Travis Roberts, Justin Wethington and Jessie Cde Baca from the Grayling Firefighter's Association dismantled the sled for the museum in 2007.

Joe Duran, the building and zoning director for Crawford County, volunteered his time to rebuild and refurbish the sled.

Initially, Duran estimated it would take a year to refurbish the sled along with the help of other volunteers. But because of busy schedules on the part of many involved, the task turned into a three-year effort.

Duran, a building contractor, has a wood-working shop and small sawmill on his property. He was astonished by the craftsmanship that went into building the logging

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Earlier this year, the refurbishing of an 1800's era logging sled found submerged in the sand in Lake Margrethe 22 years ago was completed. Above, Joe Duran, the building and zoning director for Crawford County, displays how a cleated-clamp is used to hold logs on the sled.

THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER IS DECEMBER 21ST

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Frederic Library receives grant to promote literacy

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Great Lakes Energy's People Fund is powering early and teen literacy at a branch library for the Crawford County Library System.

The Crawford County Library System received a \$1,200 grant from Great Lakes Energy's People Fund, which was used to purchase a laptop computer, a printer and literacy based software for the Frederic Township Library to use for literacy programs.

Frederic Township Librarian Bill Sharp spearheaded the effort to write the grant since Great Lakes Energy is the power provider for Frederic and Maple Forest Townships, the populations that utilize the Frederic Township Library.

Connie Meyer, another Frederic Township Librarian,

said the equipment would be utilized at the library as well as at the Frederic Headstart program housed at the former Frederic Elementary School.

"Just getting kids to read is an issue everywhere and it has always been a big issue," said Meyer, a former teacher.

The software purchased through the grant includes a number of games used to teach reading, literacy and mathematics from infants to 19-year-olds.

"We have a lot of games that will be available for use by all ages and it really covers a wide range," Meyer said.

Twenty grants were awarded for a total of \$42,915 at a recent Great Lakes Energy People Fund board meeting for the electric cooperative's northern region.

The People Fund is sup-

ported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999, more than \$1.8 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

Great Lakes Energy members support The People Fund by contributing a few cents each month by rounding-up their bill," said President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "We're receiving more grant requests than ever before and we appreciate the continued support of this program that benefits local community organizations."

Non-profit organizations can apply for the next round of funding by Feb. 1, 2011.

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PRINCESSES PAMPERED AS FUNDS ARE RAISED FOR SHELTER



Camara's Tanning and Hair Salon held a Princess Night Out last week which allowed young ladies to have their hair, nails, spray tanning and make-up done for free. A raffle for a princess bike, games and free door prize drawings and gift certificates were held, and tea party foods such as cookies, cupcakes and milk were enjoyed by all. Girls were encouraged to dress up in their princess attire. Over 100 people attended the event, which raised \$250 for the Riverhouse Shelter. Above, Courtney Beardslee, a volunteer at the event, paints the finger nails of Laynie L-Bulley as she enjoys a candy cane.

Grayling exchange student representative is top notch

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"That's the biggest benefit is getting to know the kids and some of their customs," Schans said.

Staying involved as a CASE area representative turned into a blessing in disguise for Schans and her family earlier this year, when two of her brothers died following battles with cancer. Peter Paulus, 55, from California, came to live with Schans and her family in Grayling while he received Hospice care. He died on July 19. Marty Paulus, 67, of New Baltimore, died on Aug. 18 after being taken off of life support equipment.

"Through it all, she kept on working, and that was her motivation was to keep helping people and placing students in the community," said Sandy Storer, a field director for CASE.

CASE was founded in 1988. Schans was chosen out of 20 area representatives from across the country. The program is currently hosting 230 students for the school year, while larger companies bring over 2,000 students to study in U.S. schools.

"We would rather keep it small and focus on quality," Storer said. "I think that's what makes us very special is we are very grassroots, tabletop."

Schans and the company



Laura Schans was recognized as the U.S. Area Representative of the Year for the Cultural Academic Student Exchange (CASE) Program during a trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina in November. Above, Stacy Lynn, the CASE program director, Schans and Sandra Storer, a CASE field director, are pictured at the awards dinner.

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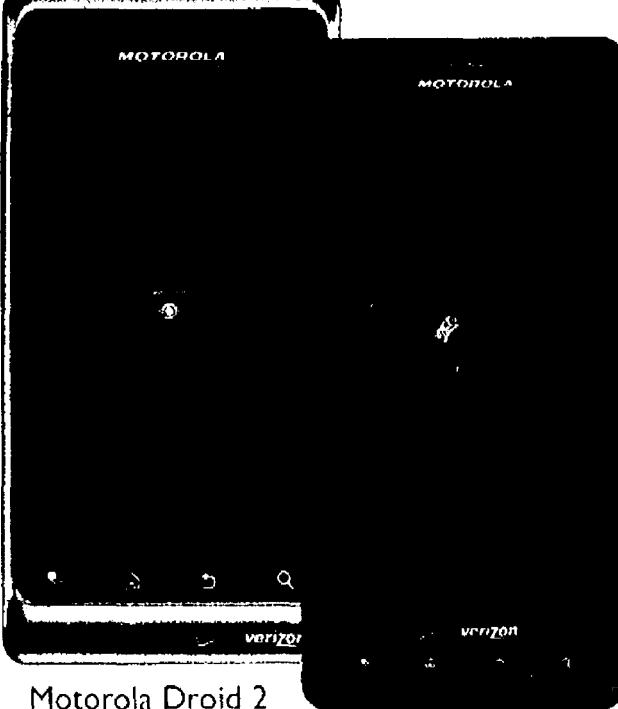
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Rating Granholm as governor must wait

WINDING UP her eight years in Michigan's top elective office, Gov. Jennifer Granholm is predictably upbeat.

She broke pioneer ground as Michigan's first female governor; chances are pretty good she won't be the last.

"This has been the greatest privilege, the greatest job I have ever or will ever have, especially because I have served at a time of enormous challenge, when your decisions have the greatest impact," she said in one of several farewell resumes appearing in several Michigan newspapers recently.

She's absolutely correct about her eight years "of enormous challenge," centering on the continuing economic and employment crises which plagued most of her tenure as governor, and which still are far from settled.

It's unfair, however, to judge her conduct in office as she leaves it. Some of her actions as governor could have continuing effect on Michigan citizens, so the final judgment on Ms. Granholm's performance as governor is unclear now.

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MICHIGAN NEEDS new jobs, and Gov. Granholm devoted much attention to broadening Michigan's employment base for the future.

She has traveled the world trying to pull new jobs and new job makers from around the globe into Michigan to shore up our dwindling auto manufacturing base. Will these attempts bear lasting fruit?

The federal bailout to rescue General Motors and Chrysler from the brink of complete collapse may not have been possible without Gov. Granholm's strong and effective advocacy in Washington, including close ties with the White House. Will the rescue of the two Michigan auto giants endure?

She has championed tax incentives and start-up capital for job-creating ventures, especially in science and technology so much so that one editor's critical review opined that the Michigan business climate under Gov. Granholm "requires almost every new job created to be subsidized by state and local tax breaks." Will the investments justify the results?

Check back in about 10 years for a more accurate appraisal of

the Granholm tenure in shoring up Michigan's employment bases.

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MORE BAD news plagued Gov. Granholm's years in office. Tax revenues were in free fall, and governments at all levels felt continuing and deepening dollar pain.

Getting government income and outgo to come out even has been a constant struggle. Only two answers are possible. One is to increase income. The second is to reduce outgo. The result is usually a mesh between the two.

In my opinion, one of Gov. Granholm's greatest shortcomings as governor has been failure to bring reasonable compromises and improvements through the legislative process of building a state budget.

The governor's job is to propose a budget, covering both spending and taxing. She has done that each year.

The job of the legislature is to review and adopt the budget. Compromise between the administration and legislature often is needed to reach the final product.

The governor, elected by a majority of all the people, should have the upper hand in this

process, but Gov. Granholm never managed to command a budget situation.

As a Democrat, the governor held a partisan majority in the state House, but couldn't count on complete support for her budget proposals.

The state Senate was another matter, where Republicans hold a 23-15 majority. Lt. Gov. John Cherry, Democrat, is the presiding officer, but the real power in the senate has been held by Republican Sen. Mike Bishop as majority party leader.

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IN ALL THE battles for the annual budget and other legislative programs, Gov. Granholm has been only one part of an equally-weighted triumvirate of leadership, with Speaker Andy Dillon, another Democrat but a rather tepid one most of the time, and the heavy-handed, hold the line Sen. Bishop, speaking for 23 Republican senators, and in most cases, not only holding the trump card but playing it with extreme effect.

How did the office of governor become on the same level and frequently not as effective as a single

state senator?

One reason, of course, is the growth of extreme partisanship that has bedeviled American politics increasingly in recent years, where Republicans consider anything coming from a Democrat as bad, and vice versa.

This deadening exhibition of extremist partisanship is on display in Washington right now as Congress and the President battle the calendar before the present congress dies.

The infection has engulfed Gov. Granholm — and her Republican counterparts — during most of her time in office, too. It often makes progress very difficult, and nearly impossible.

Gov. Granholm somehow ceded the natural advantage of "the bully pulpit" of the governor's office, and in pursuit of the day to day operations of state government, never got it back.

Her effectiveness as a molder of legislation can be judged right now. It wasn't good.

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Viewpoint

By State Fire Marshal Ronald R. Farr

Give life-saving, practical gifts this holiday season

The Bureau of Fire Services reminds consumers that while shopping for that perfect gift, don't overlook the gifts that keep on giving throughout the year, home safety devices.

"Smoke alarms and fire extinguishers may not be exciting gifts to give, but these inexpensive gifts can provide a peace of mind that is priceless," said State Fire Marshal Ronald R. Farr. "So if you are looking for practical holiday gifts, consider items that will protect your loved ones from fire this holiday season and throughout the year."

Facts and figures to consider for seasonal safety:

December, January and February are the deadliest months for fires.

The top 10 days for home fires in recent years were between Dec. 24 and Jan. 6.

Cooking and heating are the leading causes of home fires in the months of December through February.

Candle fires have nearly tripled in the past decade. Nearly twice as many home candle fires occur in December than any other month, perhaps because of holiday decorations and seasonal celebrations.

Farr said that although traditional, fire-burning candles are commonly given as gifts, a much safer alternative would be to give battery powered candles.

Many types and styles are on the market that emit a comforting glow and can be even be found in various scents.

When purchasing life-saving gifts, be sure to look for the Underwriter's

Laboratories (UL) label. The UL label means the device has passed certain safety tests.

Here are suggested gift items from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

Carbon monoxide detectors to alert loved ones of a silent killer, carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas formed when fuels such as natural gas, oil and wood burn incompletely. While a carbon monoxide detector won't help keep your loved ones safe from fire, it's something you should consider for home safety.

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from basements, attics or yards; or for chimney sweeps to prevent creosote build-up that can cause chimney fires.

A bathrobe with tight-fitting sleeves that won't touch stove burners while cooking.

Down or synthetic comforters, flannel sheets or flannel pajamas to keep a loved one warm, and to reduce the need for space heaters, particularly at night. Generally, space heaters (fixed and portable) are involved in two-thirds of home heating fire deaths.

Large, deep, non-tip ashtrays to help prevent smoking materials from igniting materials nearby.

Portable fire extinguishers with safety tips on how to use them. Make sure the recipient reads and understands the instructions before having to use them.

A multi-purpose and dry-chemical type is recommended.

Fireproof oven mitts for stove or barbecue grill to help prevent burns.

Large house numbers to help firefighters locate a home at night quickly during an emergency.

Batteries for smoke alarms and flashlights.

Download loads of fire safety information, including home escape grids, from NFPA's website, at www.nfpa.org, or for children, try NFPA's www.sparky.org.

The Bureau of Fire Services wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Visit the Bureau of Fire Services website at www.michigan.gov/bfs for more fire safety information.



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The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed on

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The Avalanche will re-open on Monday,

December 27th at 9am.

Early Holiday Deadlines:

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Deadlines for the

December 30th

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Community News: Mon. Dec. 27th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Mon. Dec. 27th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 28th at noon

Our office will be closed on

Friday, December 31st.

The Avalanche office will re-open

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Deadlines for the January 6th

issue are:

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Community News: Mon. Jan. 3rd at noon

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Briefs

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Bring a large box or cooler. Food must be picked up at the time above or it will be given to someone in need. Next month's orders may be placed on distribution day.

Children's Christmas Party to be held

The American Legion Post #106 will hold their annual Children's Christmas Party for children 12 and under on Saturday, Dec. 18, for ages 8 and under from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and ages 9 and over from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be entertainment, drawings and raffles, free ice cream, drinks and doughnut holes, free stuffed stockings and free photos with Santa. Open to public.

Holiday musical to be held

A holiday musical program will be held on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall. All are welcome.

Holiday concert featuring Switchback to benefit the Grayling Rotary Club

The celebrated band Switchback is performing a benefit concert at the Grayling High School auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. Proceeds will support the Grayling Rotary Club's community efforts.

The concert will feature holiday songs, the most beloved Irish melodies and award-winning Switchback originals.

Brian Fitzgerald and Martin McCormack of the duo Switchback have been playing their brand of eclectic Celtic and Americana music at sold-out concert halls, performing arts centers and festivals around the world for almost 20 years.

This year, they will make a stop at the Grayling High School auditorium located at 1135 North Old U.S. 27. This will be Switchback's second year in Grayling.

In 2008, the Irish Music Association presented Switchback with the award for the "Top Duo in a Pub, Festival or Concert" for the USA, Ireland, the EU and the UK and they were nominated again this year, in two categories.

Brian Fitzgerald and Martin McCormack both grew up in large families and music was a daily part of life. They performed in family bands and worked with many of the top Celtic and American roots music legends including Jethro Burns.

It was 1993 when these two talented singer-songwriters formed Switchback and set out on the road to take their "American Roots and Celtic Soul" brand of eclectic music to performing arts centers, music halls, pubs and festivals here in the

U.S., Canada, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands and other countries around the world.

During the period from 1993 to present day, the duo has crafted a series of 12 award-winning Celtic and Americana albums. One reporter wrote, "I was told Switchback fuses Irish, Cajun and Blues musical styles. I wasn't convinced, so I went to check them out. I walked in the door a doubting Thomas and became an immediate fan."

Switchback's vast repertoire covers many musical styles, from jazz to country and classical to pop.

Switchback's holiday concerts are always a crowd pleaser by including lots of audience involvement and singing along with well-known favorites such as "Jingle Bells", "Away in the Manger", "Up on the Housetop", "Oh Holy Night" and "Frosty the Snowman".

In 2005, Switchback released an album titled, A Very Switchback Christmas, which contains all of these songs and others such as, "Silver Bells" and their classic version of "Silent Night" with an extra verse in Gaelic.

The show is also filled with stories of their travels and a healthy dose of comedy thrown in for good measure.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available from any Rotary Club member or JJ's Motor Mall, Century 21 River Country RE, Edward Jones or Flowers by Josie, all in Grayling.

Visit Switchback on the web at www.WayGoodMusic.com



Switchback is performing a benefit holiday concert at the Grayling High School auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. in which proceeds will support Grayling Rotary Club's community efforts.

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Church choir to present 'Glory in the Highest'

The Michelson Chancel Choir is presenting an exciting new work titled, "Glory in the Highest - a New Hallelujah" this weekend.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church located at 400 Michigan Avenue.

Free and open to the public, this is a contemporary worship experience that features not only the choir with worship leader Chuck Hughes, but also area artists Carol Lovely, Joel Sheltrown and Diane Beauchamp.

According to choir director Jill Scarzo, the work combines powerful contemporary worship songs by Michael W. Smith, Paul Baloche and Chris Tomlin with several well-known traditional carols.

"This is a really unique musical both in the arrangement of the music and the style of presentation," Scarzo said. "There are very traditional aspects such as carol singing and a candle lighting ceremony, but also the more modern use of projected images and words on a screen. There is something for everyone. The music is simply gorgeous and the result is very moving."

"Lasting only an hour, everyone should find this presentation uplifting and a truly enjoyable celebration of Christmas," Scarzo added.

The Children's Choir will lead everyone in a rendition of Michael W. Smith's "A New Hallelujah" that was recorded and made famous by the African Children's Choir. Lovely and Sheltrown sing an awe-inspiring duet portraying Mary and Joseph in an appropriately titled "Knees to the Earth."

The evening's performance culminates in the presentation of "Glorious Day" sung by Beauchamp and Hughes, who give this

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 12 of \$25 each; John Blaine, Bev Smock, Rich Calkins and Jen Lutz. Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Dec. 10 was Stan Frederick.

Casting Crowns hit all the justice it deserves with their full rich voices.

The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church tries to bring high quality musical presentations to the community and hopes that everyone will take advantage of this free musical and opportunity to rejoice in the season.

The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church is a barrier free facility. Everyone is also invited to a fellowship reception of holiday treats immediately after the concert.

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We've remodeled our entire Rental Shop, installed new equipment in the Snack Bar and updated our menu! Come join us to celebrate the start of the 2011 season with a HALF PRICE Snack Bar menu on Monday, December 20th from 4 to 8pm!

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There will be a marshmallow roast outside!

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The Bible Speaks

God's Love Is Humble

In Romans 12:9 God's love is described as honest, not hypocritical. "Let love be without dissimulation (or hypocrisy). Abhor (or hate) that which is evil; cleave (or be glued) to that which is good." In Romans 12:10 God's love is described as humble, not haughty. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."

First, God's humble love is revealed as "kindly affectioned one to another..." "Kindly affectioned" is translated from a Greek word which speaks of natural family or kindred affection. 1 Peter 1:22 gives an excellent commentary on this verse: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." 1 John 3:14,15 reminds us of the importance God places on this love: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

Second, God's humble love is revealed as, "...in honour preferring one another." Philippians 2:3 is an excellent commentary on this phrase: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." "Lowliness of mind" speaks of real or true humanity. It is the opposite of pride and self-conceit. It is the realization of the importance of each and every other member in the body of

Christ within the local church. As the Psalmist in 84:10 said, "10For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." To be a doorkeeper in God's house was honored by the Psalmist with the same importance as being a prophet, priest, or holding any other office. There are no unimportant members in the body of Christ. This is the same truth we studied earlier in Romans 12:3: "3For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." We should give to our head, Jesus Christ, preeminence in all things, then esteem others within His body to be of more importance than ourselves. Unfortunately there are many in local churches like Diotrephe in 3 John 1:9 who "loveth to have the preeminence among them..." God's love produces humility. Pastor "B"

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Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday7 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist
Church - Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargill
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service9 am
Sunday School (preschool - 12th grade)11 am
Adult Sunday School11 am
Modern Service11 am
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Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: Bela Kober
(989) 348-1909 - Services held Saturday at
Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building
on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult)9:30 am
Morning Worship11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study7 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Scord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service8:30 am
Sunday School10 am
Morning Service11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-5558
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

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Morning Worship11 am
Afternoon Worship12:45 pm
Wednesday7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
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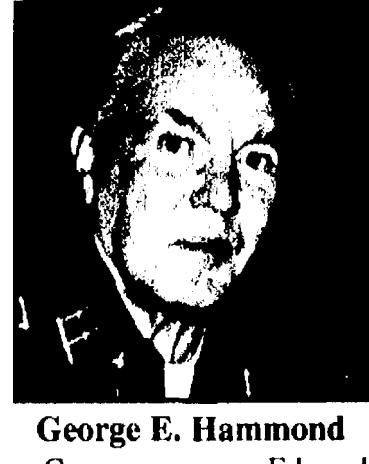
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Obituaries



George E. Hammond

George Edward Hammond, 86, of Grayling, (Bear Lake Township) passed away on Thursday December 9, 2010.

He was born in in Stubenville, Ohio, on June 5, 1924, the son of the late John E. and Ruth Adelia (Welsher) Hammond.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sgt. in WW II. He received the Purple Heart Medal. He did a lot of volunteer VA work and was at one time the State Commander of the Purple Heart organization in Lansing.

He married Marie Threasa (Riopelle) Hammond on February 13, 1943, in Oberlin, La.

He retired from the City of Ecorse where he worked as a foreman in the water department.

He is survived by his wife Marie, of 67 years; daughters: Sandra Kay (Gary) Hassen of Frederic, Patty (Earl) Knight of Riverton, Wyo., Dawn (William) Burk of Grayling; son, George Edward Hammond II of Southgate; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sister, Joann (Sonny) Pemberton of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob; and sister, Margie.

A memorial service will be held in summer 2011.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Mercy Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com or c/o Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Joan Papendick

Joan Elaine Papendick, 78, of Grayling, passed away on Thursday December 9, 2010.

She was born in Grayling, on May 7, 1932, the daughter of the late Byron William and Retta W. (Leadbeater) Randolph.

She married Clifton Charles "Kip" Papendick on March 17, 1951 in Lansing. They were married for 50 years before he preceded her in death in 2001.

She is survived by daughters, Charlene (Calvin) Brennan of Grayling, Janet (Paul) McClain of Grayling; grandchildren: Alfred W. Borchers III, Brian A. Borchers, Kassie M. McClain; and sister, Phyllis (James) Bond of Grayling.

There are no public services planned.

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Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Manor.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 17 - Lunch-baked ham with apple glaze, winter blend vegetables, marshmallow sweet potatoes and pineapple chunks. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Dec. 20 - Lunch - chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans and peaches. Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, wax beans, cauliflower, garlic bread and an apple. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hearing Clinic - appointment required, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 - Lunch - salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and orange sections. Dinner - turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, sliced carrots and apricots. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 22 - Lunch - Stuffed cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and pears. Dinner - BBQ chicken breast, winter blend vegetables, peas, pineapple chunks and pudding whip. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. COA Board meeting, pool league and Wii Bowling.

Thursday, Dec. 23 - Closed.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 60 complaints the week of Nov. 6 - Dec. 12.

Sixteen general non-criminal complaints, one snowmobile incident, one false alarm activation, one assault and battery/simple assault, one fraudulent activities, two damage to

property complaints, one family offense/abuse/neglect, seven public peace disorderly complaints, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, two miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, two family troubles-domestic, five suspicious situations and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Dec. 23-29 will be as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 22-23 and

Card of Thanks

Anyone knows us, knows that our four dogs are our kids. On Saturday morning, Dec. 4, Cheyenne, one of our beloved dogs died tragically after a 10 day fight with a Brown Recluse spider bite on her ear. It caused extensive tissue damage from her ear to her lower chest. We suspect the spider must have come in on our firewood, stacked near the fireplace, where all lucky dogs like to sleep. It was a hard 10 days and a terrible weekend. Cheyenne was in and out of the Grayling Hospital for almost nine years; John Jones, who offered to keep Cheyenne at his office and would bring her to GHFA himself on Monday; Ernie Dawson, who took time out to make phone calls to help us; the Beckets, who put up with several phone calls from me; Christ Brandt, who led us to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter; the animal shelter for giving us Shirley's infamous last name; and to Joyce Renon, who ultimately contacted Shirley to help us.

We would like to thank Dr. Paul Mesack, who gave it the old college try, you're awesome; Shirley Sanders, for obvious reasons; all the staff of the GHFA who helped take care of Cheyenne for almost nine years; John Jones, who offered to keep Cheyenne at his office and would bring her to GHFA himself on Monday; Ernie Dawson, who took time out to make phone calls to help us; the Beckets, who put up with several phone calls from me; Christ Brandt, who led us to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter; the animal shelter for giving us Shirley's infamous last name; and to Joyce Renon, who ultimately contacted Shirley to help us.

It is our hope to inform as many people as possible about the hazards associated with this deadly spider. Our 80 pound golden retriever lost her fight to something smaller than a copper penny. Please, take precautions to protect your home from this invader.

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The Happy Dog Paw opens downtown

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grooming, healthy food and toys? A Grayling downtown storefront has gone to the dogs.

The Happy Dog Paw opened for business at 208 E. Michigan Ave. next to Flowers by Josie/Thanks A Latte, on Dec. 6. Jennifer Darrell Sauter leased the building from Jeff Emmons, who operated the Grayling Pharmacy there before taking a job at Walgreens.

Jennifer is a dog trainer/groomer who operated an on-line store selling dog supplies in recent years.

"We've always wanted to have a store so we just decided to go for it," Jennifer said.

Part of the focus of the business is teaching people that feeding dogs foods with a meat base and single grain or mixed grains is preferable to maintain a dog's health. Foods containing a high amount of fillers such as soy, gluten, corn and wheat cause dogs to gain allergies which results in sore paws, runny eyes and skin problems.

"We want to educate people on the values of what they should feed their dogs and we couldn't do that with an on-line store," Darrell said.

The Happy Dog Paw also featured an array of personalized collars, duffel bags, hoodies, gift baskets, handmade doggie quilts and beds, handmade dog feed-

ers, clothing, leads, travel gear strollers and toys. Gift baskets range from \$5 to \$135.

"Because of the products that we've tried, the ones we love the best we decided to share with the people," Jennifer said. "We knew that Grayling was in need of something like this and we thought it would be perfect."

Currently, the Sauters own nine dogs. They have owned 16 dogs over recent years and have fostered and adopted other dogs before they were placed in homes. Jennifer is an area representative for Dachshund Rescue of North America.

Darrell was raised in the Grayling area and Jennifer and her family lived in the Macomb County area and Gaylord before the couple married.

"Having the brick and mortar store gave us the venue to put it all together and we thought Grayling was the perfect place," Darrell said of the services and products the business provides.

Jennifer works as a part-time groomer along with groomer Cindy Hunt, who is a part-time employee.

Darrell operates Sauter's Home Services, which specializes in home maintenance and remodeling, when he is not at The Happy Dog Paw.

The business is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Wednesday from



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Happy Dog Paw opened for business at 208 E Michigan Ave., on Dec. 6. Above, Darrell Sauter is pictured with C.J., a chocolate lab, short-haired mix, while Jennifer Sauter holds Baron, a chocolate and tan, long-haired Dachshund.

noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pets are welcome to accompany their owners in the store.

The couple is pleased with the warm reception they have already received from the community.

"There's been a lot of people looking and a lot of people buying and they are thankful we are here," Darrell said. "We still have a lot more to still get in since we just opened."

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Library News

"Celebration Night...Before Christmas" is our 6th annual pajama night at Devereaux Memorial Library held on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Enjoy the holidays with three very special guests: Jeffrey Schatzer, nationally acclaimed author of "The Elves in Santa's Workshop," "The Bump on Santa's Noggin" and "The Bird in Santa's Beard." Local second grader Dominick Perry with his book "How You Make a Train" and Stiltman Neil Sauter will also be on hand for the festivities.

"Teen Devereaux" will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. Teens and tweens can enjoy Wii games, holiday crafts, snacks and fun. Call Connie Meyer at 989-348-9214 to sign up or for additional information.

F.Y.I., Devereaux Memorial Library has a lost and found that is flowing over. If you have misplaced your eyeglasses, outerwear or other misc. items check in at the circulation desk or call 989-348-9214.

Military News

Staff Sergeant Jeremie Mead, of Grayling, has been awarded the Broadsword with gold star for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of the Michigan Army National Guard.

Mead is a Human Platoon Sergeant for the Company B, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Lansing, Michigan Army National Guard and has been a member of the Michigan National Guard for 18 years.

During his military

career, Mead has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and two Army Achievement Medals.

Mead is employed by the Michigan Army National Guard as a Team Leader for the Pre-mobilization Training Assistance Element.

He is a 1989 graduate of Grayling High School.

Mead and has one child, Jonah and is the son of Robert and Patricia Mead, of Grayling.

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Vikings dominate Bucks 80-42 in season opener

Five Vikings score 10+ in Tuesday's game

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings opened their 2010-2011 varsity boys basketball season with an 80-42 victory vs. the visiting Roscommon Bucks last Tuesday.

The Vikings didn't get off to a fast start - Roscommon had a 7-3 lead 3:20 into the contest - but they outscored the Bucks 47-11 in the last 12:40 of the first half to lead by 32 at halftime.

The Vikings were able to score from all over - inside, midrange, and the perimeter (four three-pointers in the first half) - and five different players finished with double-digit points.

Grayling scored its first points with a drive by guard Zane Tobin. Center Griffin Dean hit one of two at the free-throw line. Forward Steven Enos scored two on a lay-up at the 4:39 mark, beginning what would ultimately finish as a 15-0 run by GHS. Two free throws by Enos tied the score at 7-7.

Guard Riley Zigila hit two

free throws. Forward Tom Burrell made two inside shots for the Vikings. Zigila hit a jump shot. At the 1:34 mark, Tobin hit a three-pointer to put the Vikings up by 11, 18-7.

Roscommon scored the game's next two baskets. In the final minute of the first period, Dean scored on a put-back and an inside shot for Grayling. The Vikings led 22-11 going into the second quarter.

Grayling started the second period with an 11-0 run. The series included a triple by Enos, an inside shot by Dean, a free throw by Enos, another three-pointer from Enos, and a lay-up by Zigila. The Vikings led by 22.

Roscommon converted a three-point play at the 3:57 mark. Grayling outscored the Bucks 17-4 in the second period's final 3:40.

Burrell scored two on a put-back. Tobin drove for a lay-up. Zigila hit a three-pointer. Dean scored an inside shot. Enos hit jumpers on



Photos by Caleb Casey

Tom Burrell handles the ball for Grayling in the post during Tuesday's game vs. the Bucks.

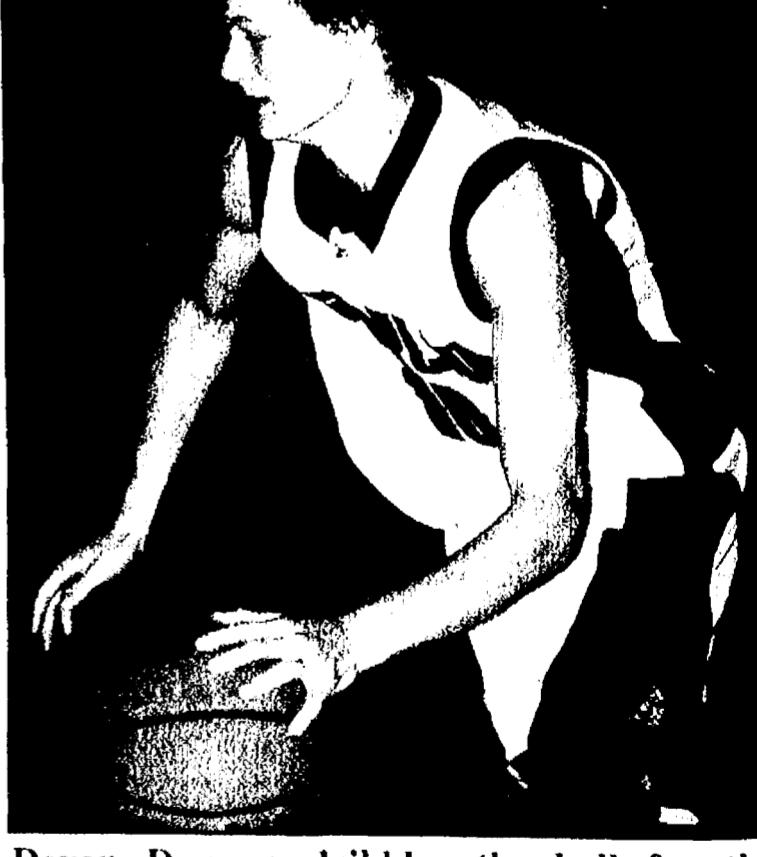
back-to-back possessions. Burrell had 11 rebounds and Dean finished with 10 rebounds.

"This was a very good home opener for our team. We started out the first four minutes of the game a little tight, but our team responded and played solid the rest of the game. I loved the fact that we did a great job of sharing the basketball tonight. We made a point of making the extra pass to the open man. Our team played as a group," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We had five players in double figures, which was outstanding. We did a great job of pounding the boards - with our size this is an area that we should excel at."

Grayling scored 14 points in the third period with a lay-up by Tobin, a put-back by forward Jensen Aubry, a drive by Tobin, an inside shot by Enos, a jumper by guard Scott Parkinson, an inside shot by Aubry, and an inside shot by Dawson. The Vikings took a 64-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings outscored the Bucks 16-6 in the final eight minutes of the contest. The Vikings scored points on a put-back by Dean, a jumper by Enos, an inside shot by Burrell, two jump shots by Dawson, a jumper by Burrell, and a free throw by Burrell.

Enos finished with 19 points, Tobin had 14, Dean 11, Burrell 11, and Zigila 11. Dawson added eight

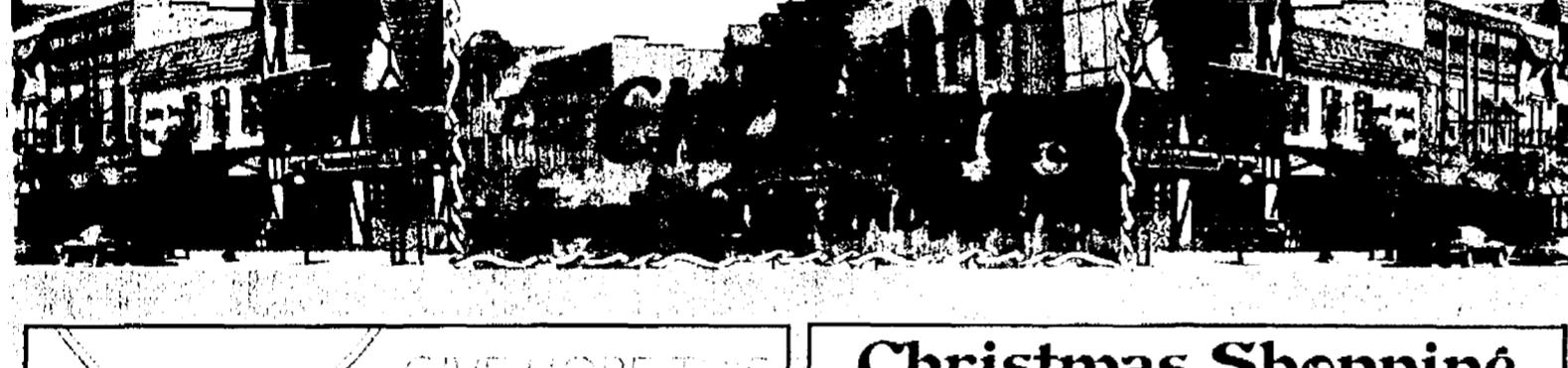


Devon Dawson dribbles the ball for the Vikings vs. Roscommon on Tuesday.



Steven Enos drives toward the basket during last week's game against Roscommon.

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Freshman girls fall to Charlevoix

Grayling High School's 9th grade girls basketball team lost 48-18 at Charlevoix on Thursday night.

"They got off to some hot shooting right off the bat and we hung with them, only down 20-12 at half-time, but from there it went

downhill," Coach Brooke Knight said.

Tandy Mitchell scored seven points for GHS. Makayla Cragg had four points, Whitney Schans three, Colbie Wakeley two, and Maddie Nielson two.

"Tonight was a tough game for us, but I think

we'll learn a lot from it," Coach Knight said. "We tried some new things with running a full-court press and setting up more of our offensive sets and we need to continue working on those. I'm proud of the girls for playing hard until the end of the game and for

realizing that we are a much better team than what we showed. We're excited to get back on the court again against Elk Rapids and for our home opener on Friday."

The freshman team (1-1 overall) will host Gladwin on Friday, Dec. 17, at Grayling Middle School.

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Sylvester's . . . 19 - 37
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 473; N. Glasslee, 454; M. Ryss, 453. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 188; H. Stairs, 176; P. Harris, 172. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 583; J. Campbell, 503; J. Lake, 500. High Game Men: L. Crampton, 217; P. Faustman, 214; J. Lake, 210.

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Joels Team . . . 27 - 3
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Man Cave . . . 26 - 4
Fenton's Auto . . . 20 - 6
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McLean's Ace . . . 19 - 7
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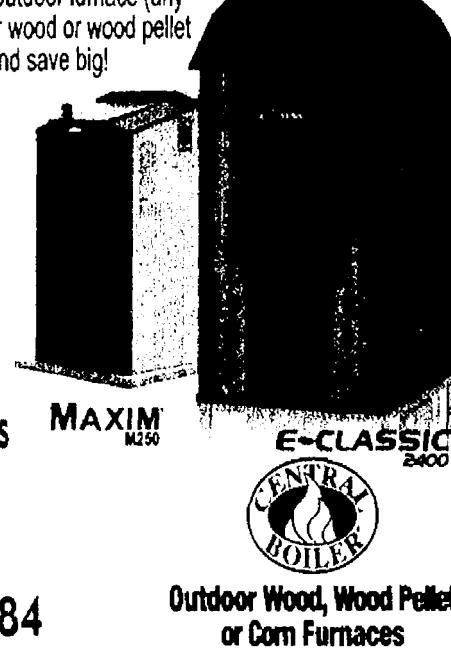
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JV squad survives fourth quarter push, wins 49-43

Grayling begins season with victory vs. Roscommon

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team survived a fourth quarter run by the visiting Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday night, finishing with a 49-43 victory in the squad's 2010-2011 season opener.

The Vikings edged Roscommon 9-5 in the first period, scoring nine points with a jump shot by forward Wes Dean, a drive by guard Jake Swander, a lay-up by guard Tyler Powers, and free throws by forward Jeff Enos, forward Justice Juntila, and center Louis Menard.

Roscommon scored six points to Grayling's one in the first 3:50 of the second period to lead by one, 11-10. Two free throws by guard Mason Krey gave GHS a one-point lead. Roscommon scored two on a jump shot. Center Levi Korneli scored a jumper and a put-back for the Vikings. At the 2:04 mark, the Bucks hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 16-16.

A jump shot by Powers, a put-back by Korneli, and a lay-up by Powers gave Grayling a six-point advantage with 13 seconds left in the half. With two seconds remaining, the Bucks scored one with a free throw. Roscommon hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, cutting



Photos by Caleb Casey

Blake Hatfield, left, dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday. **Jake Swander**, right, shoots for Grayling vs. Roscommon.

Grayling's edge to two, 22-20, at halftime.

Both teams scored 10 points in the third period, leaving Grayling's advantage at two going into the final eight minutes of regulation. The Vikings scored their 10 points with a lay-up by Powers, three baskets by Enos, and a lay-up by guard Blake Hatfield.

Grayling opened the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run to lead by 10, 40-30. The series included a jump shot by Powers, two free throws by Juntila, a put-back by Dean, and a drive by Dean.

At the 4:38 mark, Roscommon converted a three-point play. With an inside shot by Enos and a jumper by Swander, Grayling had an 11-point advantage – the largest lead by either team all night – with four minutes left to

play.

The Bucks scored the next two baskets to pull within seven. Juntila scored a lay-up for GHS. A jump shot by Roscommon cut Grayling's lead back to seven. At the 1:19 mark, the Bucks hit two free throws to pull within five.

With 32 seconds remaining, the Bucks scored a lay-up following a steal. GHS led by four, 47-43.

Grayling turned the ball over with a five-second violation on an in-bounds play. The Bucks tried for three, missed, and the rebound went out of bounds, giving Grayling possession with 20 seconds left. Roscommon fouled the ball carrier, Juntila, to stop the clock. He hit one of two free throws. Juntila stole the ball and the Bucks fouled him again to stop the clock. He made one of two free

throws. Roscommon missed a three-pointer in the final seconds and Grayling held on for a 49-43 victory.

Nine different players scored for Grayling: Powers (10), Juntila (9), Enos (9), Dean (6), Korneli (6), Swander (4), Krey (2), Hatfield (2), Menard (1).

Powers, Enos, and Juntila each had five steals. Juntila had a team-high 12 rebounds.

"We were very tight and nervous for our first game of the year. We dominated in every aspect of the game except shooting. We controlled the boards and created 28 steals. Offensively our nerves showed since we could not calm down to take or make a good shot. In the end we found a way to win," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

The Vikings will play at East Jordan on Thursday, Dec. 16.

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Grayling wins JV game 57-50 vs. Benzie Central on Friday

Vikings battle back with 15-0 run in second half

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

In a junior varsity boys basketball contest that was close all the way through - the biggest lead for either squad on Friday night was Grayling's 11-point advantage late in the fourth period - but the Vikings ultimately edged the visiting Benzie Central Huskies 57-50 in a game that featured several lead changes.

The Vikings trailed by as many as nine, but a second half rally late in the third period got GHS back into the contest.

Grayling led 15-14 after one quarter of play. The Vikings scored their 15 with a jump shot by guard Jake Swander, a lay-up by guard Tyler Powers, two inside shots by center Jacob Robinson, a lay-up by guard Mason Krey, and free throws by Swander and forward Justice Juntila.

Two baskets by Powers gave the Vikings a five-point lead. Benzie scored two with an inside shot. A drive by Powers put Grayling back up by five. The Huskies hit a three-pointer. At the 1:35 mark, Benzie Central hit another triple, tying the score at 22-22. The Huskies made a lay-up to lead by two. Robinson scored two on a

put-back. The Huskies hit the last shot of the period and led by two, 26-24, at halftime.

Benzie Central opened the third quarter with a lay-up. A three-pointer by Powers cut Benzie's lead to one. The Huskies scored six unanswered points to lead by seven. Powers scored a lay-up for GHS at the 5:22 mark. Benzie scored the next two baskets to extend its lead to nine - the largest advantage for either team so far.

Grayling rallied, outscoring Benzie 15-0 in the next five minutes of clock time - the last four minutes of the third quarter and the first minute of the fourth period.

The series included an inside shot by Robinson, a lay-up by Powers, a three-pointer by Krey, a put-back by Robinson, an inside shot by forward Jeff Enos, a put-back by center Louis Menard, and free throws by Krey and Enos.

Benzie Central broke its scoreless streak with a lay-up at the fourth quarter's 6:44 mark. Enos scored two for GHS with an inside shot. Swander scored a lay-up. The Huskies hit two free throws. Swander hit a jump shot to put GHS back up by nine. A lay-up by Swander at the 3:14 mark gave the Vikings their biggest lead (11) of the



Photo by Caleb Casey

Mason Krey dribbles the ball for the JV team on Friday vs. Benzie Central.

night.

Benzie Central scored the next six points - hitting four free throws and one jumper - to pull within five with 2:18 remaining. Guard Blake Hatfield hit two free throws for GHS. In the final two minutes, Benzie Central scored only two points, hitting a jump shot at the buzzer. Grayling added two more points down the stretch with a pair of free throws by Powers.

GHS won by seven, 57-50.

Powers had 17 points and five steals for GHS. Robinson finished with 10 points and six rebounds. Swander had 10 points. Enos had eight points, five rebounds, and five steals. Krey had seven points.

"Jacob Robinson, (also known as) Big Country, had a huge game. Big Country, along with Louis Menard, changed the game with their low post play in the second half. Tyler Powers controlled the game for us and had a career high 17 points. Jake Swander, Blake Hatfield, and Mason Krey all made key plays at some point," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "This is a big win for our team."

The victory improved the team's record to 2-0.

9th graders win by 17 vs. Bucks

The GHS 9th grade boys basketball squad defeated the Roscommon Bucks by 17, 51-34, in a game played at Grayling Middle School last Tuesday.

"The team came out a little nervous in the first quarter and struggled putting the ball in the basket. The press forced the Bucks into a lot of turnovers, which we struggled converting into points in the first half. The team did a nice job of staying composed twice when we were down early. They used their aggressive play to continue to cause turnovers and they eventually began to convert them into points. I was very happy with their attempts at running our secondary break

and fast break," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"We came out in the third quarter and continued to control the floor with the press. We scored 13 points in the third quarter and most of those came in the first two to three minutes, which extended our lead. We hit a bit of a lull in the middle of the third but had some big shots at the end of the period to push the lead to 16 points. The lead gave us a chance to get a lot of players in," Coach Hofman said.

Tyler McClanahan had 15 points, six assists, and five rebounds for GHS. Peyton Zigila had six points, five steals, and four rebounds. Geoff Wilson had

six points. Michael Branch had four points, seven steals, and five rebounds. Matt Burrell, Gage Albright, Richie Sanford, and Tyler Summers had four points apiece. Mitchell Thompson had three points.

"I was pleased with our effort. We need to continue working on our fast break, secondary break, and half court offense. Rebounding will be an emphasis in practice," Coach Hofman said. "The team effort was outstanding. I felt that no matter who was in the game, they gave a good effort and now - with a game under our belts - that effort, experience, and ability will continue to grow all season."

Grayling (1-0 overall) will host East Jordan on Friday, Dec. 17, at Grayling Middle School. Grayling's freshman girls basketball team will play Gladwin at 6 p.m. and the 9th grade boys will play EJ after that.

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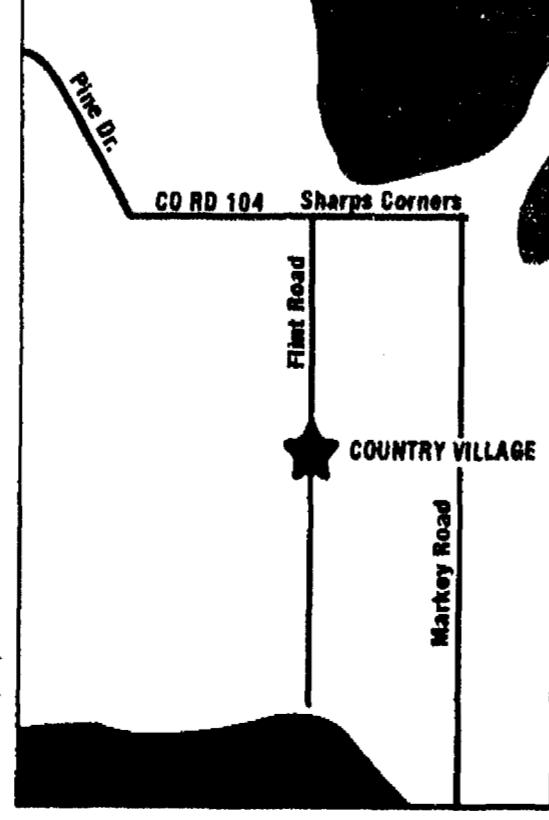
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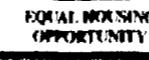
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The wrestling team celebrates its third place finish at Saturday's 11-team Manton Invitational.

Wrestling team off to 2-0 league start with wins at Charlevoix

Vikings finish 3rd at 11-team Manton Invitational

The GHS wrestling team started its league slate with two victories last week, defeating Charlevoix and Boyne City at Charlevoix on Thursday.

Grayling outscored Boyne City 66-9. The Vikings won 54-27 vs. Charlevoix.

Gayge Toomey (103) won by pin vs. Boyne and lost a 9-6 decision vs. Charlevoix. Anthony Morse (112) pinned both of his opponents. Grayling forfeited at 119.

Cody Elmy (125) won both matches by pin. Alex Bartha (130) scored a pin vs. BC. Joe White (135) had two victories, both by pin. Jake Ervin (140) also posted

two pins.

Paul Ferris (145) won one match by pin and one by default. Josh Handrich (152) won by pin in overtime vs. Charlevoix and lost by points vs. Boyne. Ty Jensen (160) won by default vs. the Rayders. Jeff Myers (171) pinned his Boyne City opponent.

Zach Randall (189) had two wins, one by pin, one by default. Ryan Randall won by default vs. Charlevoix at 215 and he pinned Boyne City's heavyweight wrestler. Lucas Walesky won by default at heavyweight vs. Charlevoix.

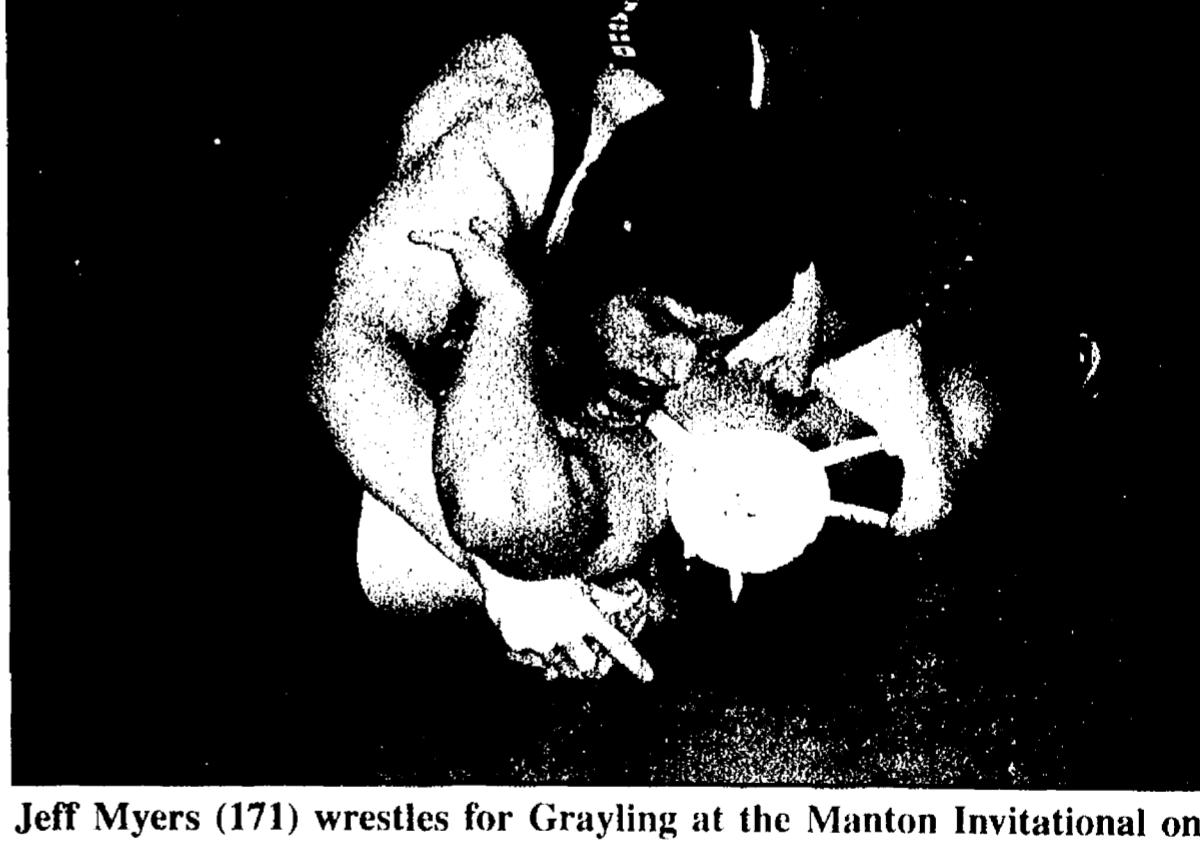
On Saturday, the Vikings took third place at the Manton Invitational, an 11-team tournament. Kingsley won the event and Holton took second.

Individual placements for Grayling included: White, 1st; R. Randall, 2nd; Morse, 3rd; Elmy, 3rd; Ferris, 3rd; Handrich, 3rd; Jensen, 3rd; Ervin, 3rd; Myers, 4th; Rob



The referee declares Paul Ferris (145) the winner during a match at Manton.

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Jeff Myers (171) wrestles for Grayling at the Manton Invitational on Saturday.



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JV, varsity squads fall to Tawas

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad fell 53-44 vs. the Braves at Tawas last Wednesday.

"Tawas is an extremely quick team which pressed us the entire game. As a result, we pressed them right back and caused many turnovers. We still need to be able to convert their turnovers into points but we continue to get better each and every day," Coach Joe Powers said. "I am proud of the way the girls approached an excellent team. They played tough, determined basketball."

Jo Hamlin scored 19

points for GHS. Abbey Thomas finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Ann Hamlin had eight rebounds.

Grayling (1-2 overall) will host East Jordan on Friday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.

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The junior varsity girls basketball team from Grayling High School lost 67-22 at Tawas last Wednesday. The game was added to Grayling's schedule after Lake City opted out of a contest slated for Dec. 7.

"We picked up Tawas so that we would not have a 13-day layoff," Coach Doug

Pummell said. "They have a very good team that pressed well and was extremely quick. They beat us really bad in rebounding, which led them to outshooting us 82-26. We learned some things and Rachel Dubriwny played well in her first game."

Dubriwny and Hannah Haven each scored seven points for GHS. Tara Pummell and Alyssa Morley each scored four points. Meagan Malm had five rebounds.

The Vikings (2-1 overall) will play at East Jordan on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Kirtland Basketball

Men's Team - The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team handed Glen Oaks Community College its first loss of the 2010-11 season, as the Firebirds topped the Vikings, 68-65, in a second-round clash of the Holiday Inn/Thunder Bay Classic hosted by Alpena Community College on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The Vikings (9-1 overall) rallied in the second half and outscored Kirtland, 37-34. But that wasn't enough, after the Firebirds (8-3 overall) had battled their way to a 34-28 lead at the half.

"It was a good win for us," Kirtland head coach Ty McGregor said. "Glen Oaks was undefeated going into today's game."

It was also the second hard-fought win for Kirtland at the annual tournament. On Friday night, the Firebirds edged Muskegon Community College, 76-74, in an opening round matchup.

Sophomore forward-center Dmitry Martynenko (Moscow, Russia) paced the Firebirds with a double-double Saturday, as he tallied 13 points, 11 rebounds and 2 assists against Glen Oaks. Freshman forward-center Stavros Schizas (Salamina, Greece) had 13 points, 7 boards, 3 steals and 2 assists. Freshman guard Chris Jones (Saginaw Heritage) had 12 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal in the win.

A trio of Firebirds scored in double figures to help power the Kirtland to a thrilling 76-74 win over the Muskegon Jayhawks on Friday, Dec. 10, in a first-round clash of the Holiday Inn/Thunder Bay Classic.

The Firebirds fought their way to a 35-31 advantage at intermission and then held on for the two-point tournament victory over the Jayhawks.

Harrison helped pace Kirtland with a team-high 17 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists. He had plenty of help, as Martynenko added 14 points and 9 boards, and Nichols chipped in with 11 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 2

steals.

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Women's Team - For the second consecutive game, a member of the Kirtland Community College women's basketball team had what might have been one of their finest games in a Firebirds uniform.

And, this time, it came in a Kirtland win, as the Firebirds topped Glen Oaks Community College, 66-61, in a second-round clash at the Holiday Inn/Thunder Bay Classic hosted by Alpena Community College on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Sophomore guard Gina Gerow (Tawas) scored a season-best 23 points, as well as tallying 5 steals, 3 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 blocked shot in a first-round loss to Muskegon Community College on Friday, Dec. 10.

The Firebirds built a one-point advantage, 31-30, at the break. But the Kirtland eagles couldn't keep up the defensive pressure that had proved so successful in the first half. That allowed Muskegon to outscore the Firebirds after intermission, 44-36.

"We pressed them in the first half," Ritter said. "We built up a good lead, but we gave it away."

"In the second half, it was a two- to four-point gap most of the way," he added. "But, then they started getting to the foul line late and that was the game."

At times, the Jayhawks overpowered Kirtland, museling their way inside to get to the basket and grab key rebounds. Muskegon outrebounded Kirtland by 19 boards and outgunned the Firebirds, 18-9, on second-chance baskets. They totaled 48 points in the paint in the tournament win, compared to just 24 for Kirtland.

"Our last four games have come down to the last couple minutes," Ritter said. "We just haven't been able to close the deal. But we're getting there."

Despite the loss, Firebird fans had plenty of reasons to cheer. Gerow scored a season-best 23 points, as well as tallying 5 steals, 3 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 blocked shot, in what might have been her finest game in a Kirtland uniform. Taylor posted a double-double with 18 points, 12 rebounds, 2 blocked shots and 1 assist.

"It was back and forth after that," Ritter said.

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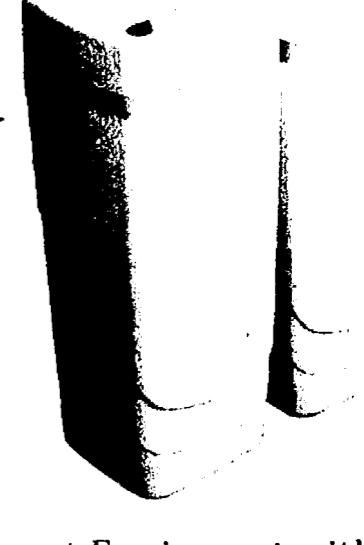
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen M. Wright, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2005, and recorded on April 25, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 116, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 88/100 Dollars (\$85,755.88), including interest at 9.98% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning 240 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25, North Range 2 West, thence East 433 feet, thence North 100 feet, thence West 433 feet, thence South 100 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25, North Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2010

For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300

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NOTICE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME To: Keith R. Mohr and Brenda R. Mohr 140 Fulton Street Grayling, MI 49738 County: Crawford State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_sear ch), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: December 16, 2010 Orlans Associates P.C. Attorneys For Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 682.0022 ASAP# 3831381 12/16/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul Hardacre and Susan Hardacre, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Consumers Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2001, and recorded on November 6, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 612, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Everhome Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven and 08/100 Dollars (\$83,797.08), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 29, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL J-3: Being a part of the South 1/2 of Section 18, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 12 seconds West along the Section line, 688.91 feet; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 09 seconds West, 106.57 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 0 degrees 16 minutes 09 seconds West, 273.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 12 minutes 28 seconds East, 1614.11 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of I-15; thence 272.88 feet along a curve to the right, with a Radius of 11344.19 feet and a long chord of South 2 degrees 50 minutes 47 seconds West, 272.88 feet; thence North 88 degrees 12 minutes 28 seconds West, 1599.27 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Westerly 35.0 feet thereof. ALSO SUBJECT TO a 50.0 foot easement for installation and maintenance of advertising signs over the Easterly side thereof. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2010
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300

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MORTGAGE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Marjean G. Helsel to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated September 1, 2000 and was recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516 on pages 633 to 638 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 70/100 Dollars (\$83,313.70) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.375% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Lot 5, Block 28, of ROFFEE'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is received pursuant to MCL \$600.3241a(1)(C) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Edward E. Goscicki II and Denise Ehlers, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7620 Old 27 N. Frederic, MI 49733-9732.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 10, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 10, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Varsity squad rallies in fourth quarter to beat Benzie by six

Vikings, down by as many as 14, win 78-72 Friday

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

Grayling trailed Benzie Central for most of Friday's varsity boys basketball contest - the Vikings were behind by as many as 14 points in the first half - but the team rallied in the fourth quarter to win by six, 78-72, in a nonconference game hosted by Grayling High School.

The Huskies of Benzie Central hit a three-pointer on the first possession of the game. Grayling scored the next nine points with two inside shots by forward Jensen Aubry, two free throws by center Griffin Dean, and a triple by guard Zane Tobin. Benzie scored two on a jump shot. Guard Riley Zigila hit a three-pointer for GHS. The Huskies made a lay-up. Forward Steven Enos drove to the basket for two. Benzie converted two free throws. Enos scored Grayling's last two baskets of the first period. Benzie outscored GHS 9-0 in the quarter's final three minutes to lead by 11. Enos scored two with a drive to the basket. The Huskies scored a lay-up to lead by 11 again.

quarter with free throws by

Enos and Zigila. Benzie Central responded with a 17-0 run - a series that included three triples, three put-backs, and one lay-up - and the Huskies led by 14, the largest advantage either team would have all night.

Zigila hit a jump shot for the Vikings. Tobin scored three-pointers on back-to-back possessions for Grayling, cutting Benzie's lead to six, 36-30. The Huskies answered Tobin's second triple with a three-pointer of their own. A jump shot at the 1:45 mark gave the Huskies a 10-point lead.

Guard Scott Parkinson scored a lay-up for Grayling. Benzie hit a three-pointer and a lay-up to lead by 11. Grayling scored the last four points of the second quarter with lay-ups by Parkinson and Enos.

Benzie Central led 46-37 at halftime.

Dean scored two for Grayling with a pair of free throws. Benzie Central scored two inside shots to lead by 11. Enos scored two with a drive to the basket. The Huskies scored a lay-up to lead by 11 again.

Grayling scored seven unanswered points with an inside shot by Dean, a triple by Enos, and a drive by Tobin. A drive by Enos at the 5:07 mark cut Benzie's lead to three.

The Huskies hit a three-pointer - their eighth triple of the game - to lead by six. Zigila hit an inside shot for

GHS.

Benzie scored two on an inside shot with 45 seconds left in the period. A drive by Enos cut Benzie Central's lead to four. The Huskies scored the last basket of the quarter - a three-pointer - to lead by seven, 62-55, going into the final eight minutes.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Zane Tobin dribbles the ball near the base line on Friday night vs. Benzie.

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Varsity squad rallies in fourth quarter to beat Benzie by six

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Grayling outscored Benzie 9-1 in the first two minutes of the fourth period. The series included a free throw by Dean, a three-point play by Enos, a lay-up by Enos, and a three-pointer by Tobin - his fourth triple of the contest. GHS led by one.

Benzie hit a jump shot at the 5:52 mark. Tobin fouled out for Grayling with 4:49 left in the game.

Grayling scored eight unanswered points - six by Enos and two by forward Tom Burrell on a put-back. Grayling led by seven.

Two free throws and a three-pointer by Benzie Central cut Grayling's advantage to two, 72-70. Enos hit one of two from the free-throw line at the 1:17 mark. Zigila stole the ball and Benzie fouled Enos to stop the clock; he hit both free throws to give GHS a five-point lead. Parkinson stole the ball, Benzie fouled, and Grayling missed both free throws.

Enos intercepted a Benzie pass and the Huskies fouled him to stop the clock at 0:33. He made one of two free throws. Benzie scored

two on a put-back to pull within four. Benzie fouled Enos and he made one of two at the line. Benzie missed an inside shot and Grayling secured the rebound. Benzie fouled; Enos hit one of two at the free-throw line. The Huskies missed a three-pointer in the final seconds and Grayling won by six, 78-72.

"This was a great win for our kids. We struggled in the second quarter, but our kids responded with a tough second half of basketball," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I thought our team was very resilient and we fought through some adversity to win this game. We forced 27 turnovers and had a great fourth quarter in which we outscored Benzie 23-10."

Zane Tobin hit a pair of big time threes to get us back in the game. Steven Enos showed leadership down the stretch and made some huge plays. Jensen Aubry is our 'glue guy.' He makes winning plays at both ends of the court. Griffin Dean fought through foul trouble and was a man on the boards in the second half. Riley Zigila played solid defense



Photo by Caleb Casey

Griffin Dean grabs a rebound during Friday's game against the Benzie Central Huskies.

and hit some timely shots for us. Devon Dawson and Scott Parkinson did a nice job of playing solid defense in the fourth quarter," Coach Moffit said.

Enos finished with 37 points for Grayling, 17 of which came in Grayling's 23-10 fourth quarter surge. Tobin had 14 points, including 12 on four three-pointers. Dean had eight points and 11 rebounds. Zigila fin-

ished with nine points.

The Crawford County Avalanche is now posting scores for the basketball team, along with those of other Grayling High School sports, on its Web site as they become available. The "Scoreboard" is listed in the "Latest News" box on the site's home page at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

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that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 618-5967 ASAP# 3819417 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010 -25-2-9-16

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth E. Minard and Dawn C. Minard, husband and wife and Christopher Squire and Ashley A. Squire, husband and wife, as joint tenants of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 22nd day of October, A.D. 2008, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of November, A.D. 2008, as Book 693, Page 760 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$90,212.98 (ninety thousand two hundred twelve and 98/100) plus accrued interest at 7.5000% (seven point five zero zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or

January, A.D., 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Dated: December 9, 2010

WEITMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weitman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Colin Cottrell a married man and Cheryl Cottrell a married woman joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated August 16, 2004, and recorded on August 27, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 214, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven and 33/100 Dollars (\$70,857.33), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or

the redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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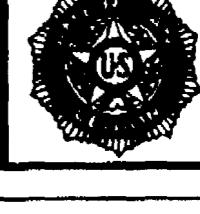
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some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 33, Red Wing Terrace, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-7801-DE

Estate of Robert Ervin Pollman, Date of birth: 3/17/1927.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Robert Ervin Pollman, who lived at 2813 Scenic Drive, Grayling, Michigan died April 26, 2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DeNalda Owen, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 12-10-10

Attorney
Ellis B. Freatman, III P34278
125 N. Huron St.
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197
(734) 483-4166

Personal Representative
DeNalda Owen
2850 Stein Court
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

December 17, 1987

The Grayling wrestlers continued their perfect team record winning the Ludington tournament. The Vikings had nine wrestlers in the finals and produced five champions. Mark Lowe, Buck Monforton, Ward Jones, John Gay and Brian Kernstock.

The newly formed SADD chapter here in Grayling wrapped up its membership drive on Dec. 11. An official membership of around 100 students, including board members, are now on the chapter. That's well above the expected goal, board officers said.

Michigan Republican State Chairman Spencer Abraham has selected Republican State Delegate Joseph Callewaert, of Grayling Township, for service as the Senior Citizen Liaison representing Crawford County.

Grayling firefighters hosed items from inside apartment #5 at the Americana in Grayling after a fire ruined the cabin Wednesday, Dec. 9. Grayling Fire Chief Russ Strohpaul said the fire was believed to have started from a person smoking in bed.

46 Years Ago

December 17, 1964

The Frederic High Eagles got off to a flying start as they won their first two basketball games of the season under coach Ron Freil. Last

Friday at the Frederic gym, the Eagles trailed Alba 19-11 at the end of the first frame, but a big 21 to 8 second period brought them up with a 32 to 27 halftime score. They added a 16 to 10

third quarter and coasted in to the win 77 to 61. Phil Lodge led the way for the Eagles with 27 points. He was assisted by Chuck Bearss and Jim Gauthier with 12 points each.

Mike Lovely arrived home from Ferris State College the weekend before last to spend some time with his parents, the Leo Lovely's. He is attending ski instructor school at Boyne Mountain since his return.

Those 12th graders making the GHS honor roll for the 2nd term, first semester are Gary Allen, Irene Annis, Linda Broeker, Kerry Clough, Margelynn Eaton, Dan Feldhauser, Kittie Funck, Juanita Galloway, Janice Gorney, Robert Hayes, Beverly Johnson, Carolyn Klein, Janet LaGrow, Patricia McEvers, Robert McIntosh, Jennie Owens, Connie Renaud, Eddie Robertson, Robert Skolasky, Terry Smith, Cheryl Smock, Robert Stampfli, William

Tinker and Betty Vallad.

The Fraser Deans moved Sunday into their new home at 102 West Drive in North Park subdivision.

Glen's Market has short ribs of beef for 39¢ per lb., beef hamburger for 43¢ per lb., California naval oranges, 59¢ a dozen and Spartan coffee is 69¢ per 1 lb. can, all on sale this week.

Dave Wyman arrived home last week from Houghton Tech, having completed the requirements for his B.S. degree in civil engineering. He is spending Christmas vacation with his parents, and then plans to go to work for the state of California.

69 Years Ago

December 18, 1941

Whooping cough seems to be all the rage in Frederic. A number of cases were reported.

The city council is considering an ordinance that would prohibit overnight parking in the city streets. This is to make the streets more easily cleared of snow in the early mornings.

Much interest is again being stirred up in South Branch Township by the rival oil companies who are seeking leases on all land near the South Branch Ranch.

Festoons of vari-colored

lights and a community tree at the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular avenues tells us that the yuletide is in our midst.

92 Years Ago

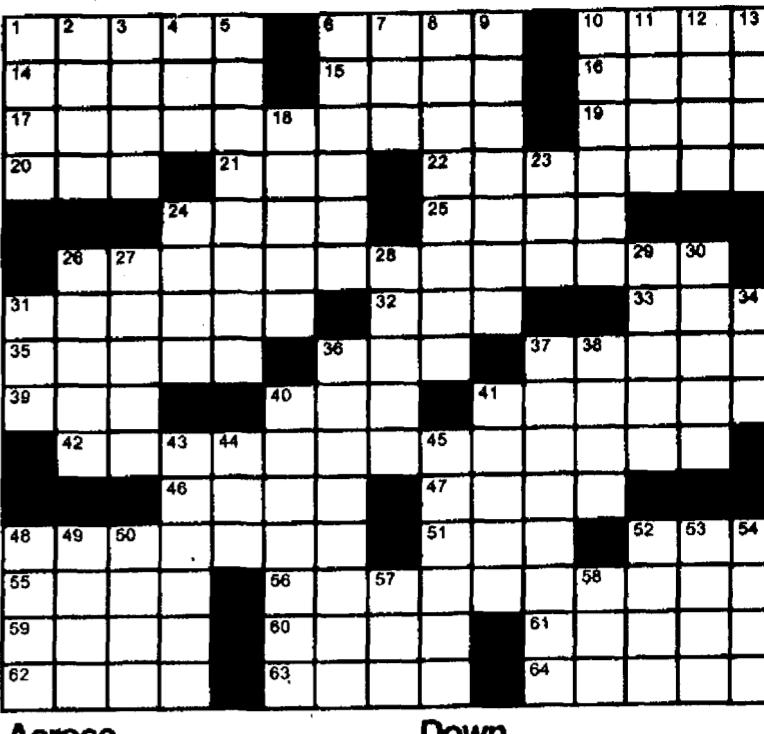
December 19, 1918

Alfred Hanson returned to Grayling last week having received an honorable discharge from the service. He came from Kentucky where he has been in training since leaving the government school in Valparaiso, Ind.

Due to a strike on the part of the trainmen, all travel passengers, freight and mail on the M. & N.E. Railroad has been suspended. The cause for the strike is that the trainmen want back pay from January to July and the company claims they cannot afford to give it.

Health officer J. S. Harrington reports 65 cases of influenza and pneumonia in the city and the Village Health Board has issued orders closing all schools, churches and public places. All children under the ages of 15 are to remain home whether there is an illness in the family or not. Every family is placed upon their honor to comply with the orders of the Health Department and they should do so and not make it necessary for the police department to exercise enforcement.

CROSSWORD



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17. Printed heading
19. Houston university
20. Quip, part 3
21. "Come to think of it ..."
22. Animal foot for food
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26. TV channel changer
31. Thorn apple
32. Auction offering
33. Animation
35. Critical
36. Beauty
37. Came to
39. Fourposter, e.g.
40. Victorian, for one
41. Shorebird
42. New embodiment
46. Channel marker
47. Real
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52. Bank offering, for short
55. Massive wild ox
56. Eloquent
59. LP player
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62. "Ah, me!"
63. Its motto is "Lux et veritas"
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58. Brown, e.g.

Down

1. Preserve, in a way
2. Experienced
3. "What's gotten you?"
4. On, as a lamp
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6. Acetylene
7. " we having fun yet?"
8. Private lounge
9. Water faucet
10. Constant sufferer
11. Condo, e.g.
12. " bitten, twice shy"
13. At no time, poetically
18. Indian salad
23. Columbus Day mo.
24. Blue books?
26. Indy entrant
27. Musical composition for practice
28. Cloudless
29. Convex molding
30. Compare
31. Apply gently
34. Copy cats?
36. Topic not clearly defined
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40. Thrifty management
41. Chocolate source
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44. Mother Teresa, for one
45. Bug
48. Eastern pooh-bah
49. Catch
50. Porous limestone
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54. Brews
57. Carpentry tool

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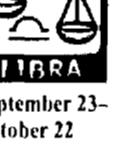
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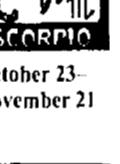
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TAURUS
April 20-May 20



LEO
July 23-August 22



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21



PISCES
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August 23-September 22



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November 22-December 21

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY NAPOLEON

Ingredients:

1 sheet frozen puff pastry (1/2 of 17.3-oz. pkg.), thawed
7 squares Semi-Sweet Chocolate, divided
1 cup whipping cream
6 oz. (3/4 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. raspberry-flavored liqueur
1 pkg. (6 oz.) fresh raspberries (about 1-1/2 cups)

Directions:

HEAT oven to 400°F.

UNFOLD pastry sheet on lightly floured surface; cut along fold lines into 3 rectangles. Cut each rectangle crosswise into 4 smaller rectangles; place on baking sheet.

Bake 15 min. or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

MEANWHILE, melt 6 chocolate squares as directed on package; set aside. Beat whipping cream in medium bowl with mixer on high speed until soft peaks form.

BEAT melted chocolate, cream cheese, powdered sugar and liqueur in large bowl with mixer on medium speed until well blended. Whisk in whipped cream.

SPLIT each pastry rectangle in half. Spread each bottom half with 3 Tbsp. chocolate mixture. Cover with raspberries and pastry tops. Melt remaining chocolate squares; drizzle over pastries.

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FOR RENT 3 - 4 BEDROOM house in country between Grayling and Roscommon. Crawford AuSable Schools. Garage with fireplace, 2,000 sq. ft living space, \$750 per month plus deposit. 989-275-9800. (-16-23/2)

2 ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX apartments with garage and garage door opener. Totally remodeled including appliances and washer and dryer. Located within the city limits. 989-529-8765. (-16-23/30/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM Apartment in town \$485 per month includes heat and water. References and security deposit required. 989-619-9689. (-16/2)

201 FULTON ST. One bedroom apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only. In a smoke free building, no pets. \$485 per month, \$475 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (-12/16/10/f1/2)

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NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

FOR RENT TWO BEDROOM duplex with new flooring and paint. All utilities included. \$650 per month plus security deposit and references. 989-619-9689. (-16/2)

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2. For Rent

ARBOR COURT in Grayling is accepting applications for 1 & 2 bdr. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. For more information call Pam at 989-732-6237 or pick up application at 400 Madsen Street. Barrier Free Units available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/f1/2)

2. For Rent

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ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT on the AuSable in town. \$380 per month, plus utilities. Call 231-675-1619, 231-599-2895. (-11/4/10/f1/2)

FOR RENT 3 BEDROOM home in Grayling. \$500/month plus deposit. 313-377-1112, 313-294-3266. (-16-23/2)

LARGE 3 BEDROOM HOME near Higgins Lake. All appliances, newly painted, available immediately. \$550 per month, \$550 deposit. 989-821-6081. (-9-16/2)

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EFFICIENCY CABIN ONE BEDROOM \$400 per month, \$400 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets, 989-348-5124. (-16/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent in city of Grayling, 404 Date St. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, large yard, storage shed. No pets. \$575 month plus \$575 security deposit. 989-348-4716. (-12/9/10/f1/2)

FOR RENT Upstairs 2 bedroom apartment \$600 month. Leave message 348-2051. (-16-23/2)

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For affordable housing call 989-348-3150

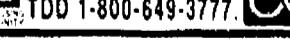
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CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOLS has an opening for a part-time accounts payable position. This position will be contracted through PESG and candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. send your resume to the address below by Dec. 22, 2010. **CASD Attn: Kim Schmidt, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. (-16/3)**

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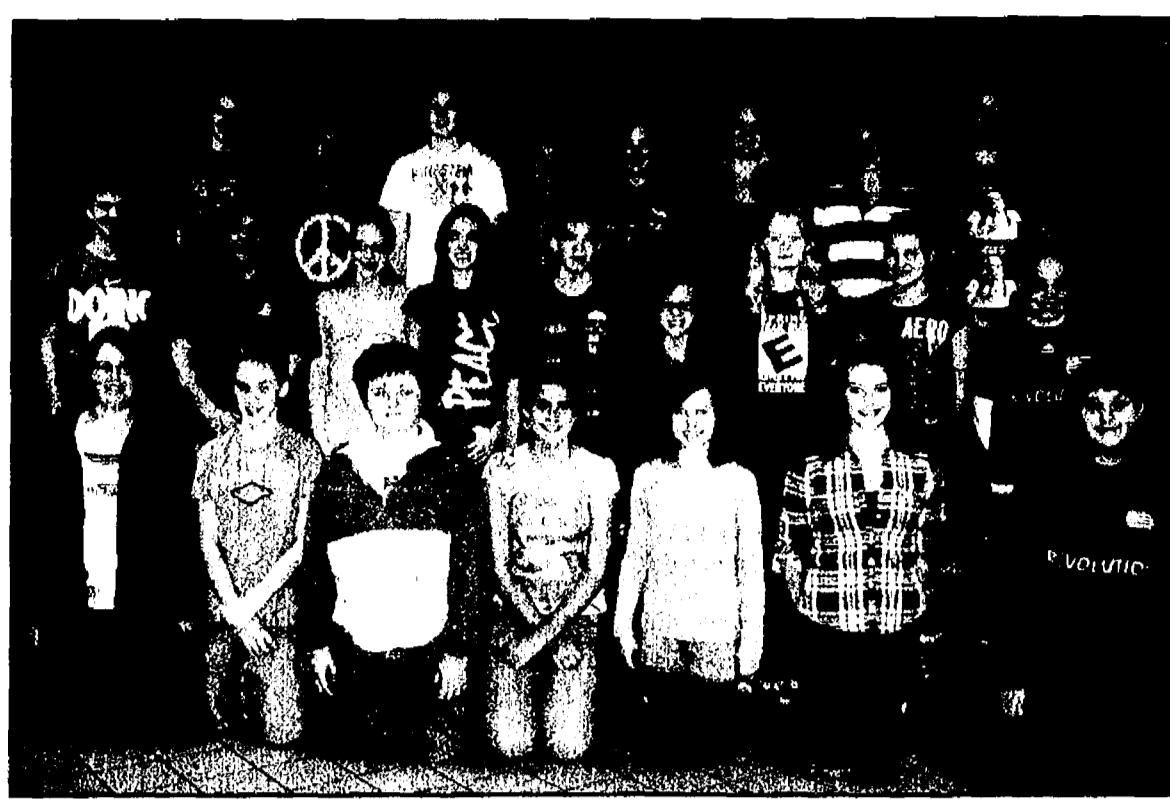
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